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ACCESSORY PIECES

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

EP 0 299 213 discloses a vacuum cleaner and the vacuum cleaner has a dust collection space (2) and an adjacent further space (3), which is divided by a partition (4), for accommodating a motor fan or the like. Situated in the partition (4) is a passage opening (7) for the air conveyed by the motor fan (5). A fixedly inserted receiving space (10) is also provided for accessories (14, 15), which receiving space is accessible from the outside via an access opening. In order to achieve a user-friendly display of the accessories in a simple, space-saving manner, the partition (4) is constructed with two walls as a receiving space (10) next to the passage opening (7) and is also sealed off in relation to the further space (3).

JP 5-115391 discloses a vacuum cleaner having an attachment receiving section in a dust chamber lid is constituted in which an attachment lid 19 is provided on both front ends with forward projecting claw projections formed on the lower surface of the front end thereof with a semicircular projection 19c, while a dust chamber lid 14 is provided with a holding hole 14c for holding the claw projection 19b of the attachment lid 19, the holding hole 14c is formed on the rear end surface with a resin spring 14d integrally with the dust chamber lid and the semicircular projection 19c is formed in front of the upper end of the resin spring 14d.

DE 1 055 774 discloses a large capacity vacuum cleaner with fan driven by an alternating current motor via a step-down gear, characterized in that all the individual parts of the suction cleaning device are accommodated in a closed, mobile casing (1) with horizontal axis in such a way that the dust sack (7) and the fan (6) are installed one behind the other by means of a cap (8) with induction openings, in the lower closed part of the casing and the motor (10) is installed on an intermediate floor (9) located above the fan, and the transmission of the drive from the motor to the fan takes place by means of a controllable transmission.

EP 1 208 786 discloses a device and the device has an equipment housing and at least one accommodation element for accessories in the form of an enclosure (10), optionally several different enclosures with recesses (12-14) matching the contours of the accessories and in which accessories can be inserted for retention. The enclosures can be fitted in or on an accessory compartment or on or beneath a housing lid (7).

DE 88 15 880 U discloses a vacuum cleaner having a cap closing a compartment, which cap is pivotably supported on the unit casing by means of a hinge, which hinge has an axis of rotation located below the plane of the cap, characterized in that, on the side edge (4) of the cap (2) opposite to the hinge (3), a locking slide (7) is arranged which is supported against the force of the spring (9) so that it can be displaced to a limited extent, which locking slide (7) has a grip edge (8) protruding beyond the plane of the cap (2).

EP 1 110 494 discloses that the electric vacuum cleaner has a vacuum cleaner housing incorporating a dust collection space (5) sealed by a cooperating cover and at least one reception socket (13), for holding a vacuum cleaner attachment, positioned at the side of the dust collection space, so that it is covered by a side extension of the cover.

DE 28 56 115 discloses a vacuum cleaner, preferably for trade use, in compact construction with running rollers which are arranged on the side facing toward the ground and so that they can be pivoted all round, characterized by a horizontal cuboid unit casing (1), which is subdivided by a separating wall (2), which extends transverse to the longitudinal axis of the unit house (1), into two differentially sized spaces (3; 4) for accommodating a dust collecting containing (5) and the motor-driven fan (6), including the supply lead drum (7) for the grid connection lead.

WO 03/073904 discloses that the invention relates to a household appliance, particularly a vacuum cleaner, comprising a housing which is made of a rigid material and is provided with at least two interconnected housing parts and a handle (4) that is also made of a rigid material. Said household appliance is rendered especially rigid and the risk of losing grip of the handle of the appliance is reduced by integrating the handle (4) into a stiffening element (1) that is disposed at the intersection of the housing parts (3, 7) and by providing said handle (4) with a cover (5) which is made of a softer material.

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